

DOI Watercraft Working Group Conference Call
June 28th, 2005 12:00 EDT

Participants:

Anne Sittauer
Gary Hill
Jeff Peterson
Jake Schlapfer
Ed Perez
Harrison Daniel
Ed Wickersham

Anne convened the conference call at 12:10 PM, EDT

- Gary began the discussion regarding having concurrent Bureau WSWG in the same city. Gary and Anne indicated they would plan to schedule their next Bureau meetings together. The other Bureau leads are interested and will determine if having their respective WSWG meetings at the same time will be possible. Jeff indicated that having the next DOI-WSWG meeting in Las Vegas the first week of December would be desirable.
- It was decided to have the next DOI Work Group meeting in Las Vegas on Tuesday, December 6th. Bureau meetings could be conducted Dec. 7th and 8th. December 5th and 9th could be travel days.
- Gary advised group that the NASBLA Accident investigation course he was coordinating had been cancelled for lack of interest by agency/government personnel.
- Jake informed the group that BLM had conducted MOCC training in Alaska and had required the students to complete a web-based boating course before attending. The students who participated were positive about the value of doing that. Jake was not suggesting that It should replace the classroom but taking the web based training seemed to enhance the students ability to understand the subject matter.
- Gary advised the group that the Co-op units of USGS were asking the Bureau in a formal document to give them relief from some of the requirements of the MOCC training because of their large seasonal influx of students requiring boat training. The managers of the Co-op units have written memorandum outlining the issue and their requests. In summary Gary indicated they support the practical training but feel the classroom portion can be accomplished on the web. Gary will provide the documents to the group.
- Regarding distribution of new training manual updates from NCTC. Anne said that NCTC (Chris Horsch) notifies the DOI Working Group lead (Anne) and that person is responsible for notifying each of the Bureau leads. Those Bureau representatives are responsible for contacting Chris and coordinating the distribution of updated material to their respective agencies.

- Harrison advised the group that the DOI Health and Safety Seminar would be held in San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel, March 26th -30th, 2006. Harrison offered the opportunity for the Work Group to make some type of presentation at the Seminar.
- Gary and Jake offered to develop a presentation. Will coordinate with Harrison and must provide him with abstract of their presentation.
- Anne advised group that Chris Horsch had applied to NASBLA for updated certification of DOI-MOCC training. That certification will be for four more years.
- Harrison briefed group on SAFETYNET monthly highlights and his desire to have this group provide information on equipment issues, e.g. new, desirable, substandard, etc. Harrison suggested that it would be worthwhile to have a site of the most effective equipment for boaters.
- Gary lead discussion of CO problems associated with boating. Ed Perez indicated NPS had program dealing with that issue also. Harrison advised group that DOI had created a decal designed to warn certain boaters of the potential CO hazard. He will provide group with decals.

Next Conference call is scheduled for September 8th. Anne will provide details when appropriate.

Conference adjourned at 1:20 PM, EDT

Action items:

1. Jeff will identify location for December meeting and advise Work Group members. All members will coordinate joint meetings in December as resources allow and advise Work Group in September, by September conference call.
2. Gary will provide work group with electronic copy of Co-op unit comments on MOCC training issues, by 7/1/05.
3. Harrison will provide complete information on Health and Safety Seminar as it becomes available. Will update during Sept. conference call.
4. Gary and Jake will provide Harrison with abstract of H&S Seminar presentation, by 9/1/05.
5. At next conference call each Work Group member responsible for bringing a recommendation of a type or types of recommended boating equipment that could be listed on SAFETYNET for Harrison. This could be accomplished before the next conference by email.
6. Harrison will provide each of the Working Group members with a DOI, carbon monoxide (CO) warning decal, by 7/17/05.